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Congressman Christopher Shays to Hold April 27th Hearing on

“Nuclear Security: Can DOE Meet Facility Security Requirements”

(Washington, DC) -- Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT), Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, will convene an oversight hearing to examine Department of Energy (DOE) efforts to improve nuclear facility security. The hearing will focus on DOE steps to strengthen security of the sprawling nuclear weapons complex in the aftermath of September 11, 2001.

In September 2003, the Subcommittee requested the General Accounting Office to review physical security at DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) weapon sites. The Subcommittee asked for an assessment of the challenges DOE and NNSA face in meeting more stringent physical facility security requirements under the new “design basis threat.”

The General Accounting Office (GAO) is expected to release the report, *Nuclear Security: DOE Needs To Resolve Significant Issues Before It Fully Meets the New Design Basis Threat* at the April 27th hearing and testify about how well DOE is positioned to protect the nuclear weapons, material, and operations from today’s threats.

The April 27, 2004 hearing will convene at 10:00 am in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Witnesses

PANEL ONE

Robin M. Nazzaro, Director
Natural Resources and Environment
U.S. General Accounting Office
accompanied by

James Noel, Assistant Director
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Danielle Brian, Executive Director
Project on Government Oversight

Panel Two

Linton F. Brooks, Administrator
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Glenn S. Podonsky, Director
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